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TAGS: CG, EINV, EMIN,

SUBJECT: DIFFICULTIES WITH SMTF WIND-DOWN

REF: KINSHASA 704, KINSHASA 612

1. JAN. 30 SMTF KINSHASA REP. WINDHAM-BELLORD CAME TO EMBASSY TO DESCRIBE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN SHABA ON SMTF WIND-DOWN. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS OVER LAST TWO WEEKS WITH GOZ OFFICIALS IN KINSHASA AND SHABA, IT HAD APPEARED THAT PERSONNEL DISMISSALS AND RELATED ACTIONS COULD BE INITIATED FORTHWITH. OPERATING ON THAT ASSUMPTION, SMTF LAUNCHED INTO DISMISSAL PROGRAM ON FIVE THOUSAND LOCAL EMPLOYEES, AS WELL AS ON SEVERAL HUNDRED EX-PATRIATES, ON JAN. 29.

2. JAN. 30 SAW TWO REACTIONS: (A) IN MORNING, GROUP SAID TO COMPRISE SEVERAL THOUSAND DISMISSED LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND FAMILY MEMBERS APPEARED AT SMTF FACILITIES TO PROTEST. MINOR SCUFFLING WAS REPORTED WHEN MILITARY WAS CALLED IN TO DISPERSE THE CROWD. (B) LATER SAME DAY,  
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REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, CLAIMING AUTHORITY OF CABLE

FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU IN KISANGANI (SINCE PROVEN INCORRECT), ORDERED SMTF TO CEASE DISMISSALS AND REINSTATE STHOSE ALREADY DISMISSED.

3. WE NOW LEARN THAT ASPECT OF PROBLEM MOST LIKELY TO CAUSE SHORT-RUN DIFFICULTIES IN USG/GOZ CONTEXT IS PROHIBITION OF DEPARTURE OF RIFFED EXPATRIATES. TWENTY-EIGHT EXPATRIATES CURRENTLY IN LUBUMBASHI AWAITING TRANSPORTATION OUT. THEY HAVE BEEN PREVENTED THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND FROM PROCEEDING TO AIRPORT. OF THESE TWENTY-EIGHT, TWENTY-ONE ARE AMERICANS; OF THE TWENTY-ONE, FOURTEEN ARE WOMEN AND CHILDREN. ACCORDING COUNSUL MARKS, LUBUMBASHI, SEVERAL ARE PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING CONTACT CONGRESSMEN, SENATORS OR REPORTERS IN THE US.

4. SMTF OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT EQUITY PARTNERS LIKELY TO REACT HARSHLY IF GOZ PERSISTS IN DEMAND THAT SMTF KEEP UNNEEDED EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL.

5. AS OF THIS WRITING, WE UNDERSTAND THAT SMTF OFFICIALS LUBUMBASHI HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE. WE WILL REPORT RESULTS OF THAT MEETING ASAP. MEANWHILE, DCM HAS BEEN FOLLOWING UP WITH BISENGIMANA AND LARRY DEVLIN TRYING TO SEE PRESIDENT MOBUTU WHO DUE BACK KINSHASA TODAY, FEB. 2.

6. STAY TUNED.  
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